

ANNUAL CONVENTION

of the

Alberta Prohibition Association

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY, FEB. 17TH AND 18TH

in the

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, EDMONTON

PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 17th

- 9.00 a.m. Registration of Delegates.
- 9.30 a.m. Opening Exercises. President A. M. Vall in the chair.
Appointment of Convention Secy.
President's Address.
Auditor and Treas.'s Statement.
Annual Report of the Gen. Sec.
Appointment of Striking Com.
There will be three Convention Committees: "Policy and Resolutions," "Educational and Publicity," "Nomination and Ways Means."
- 11.00 a.m. Roll Call. To be answered by the Delegates from the denominations, churches, organizations and individual members who are not attached. A feature of the Roll Call will be a three-minute address, giving the situation in the districts represented by the Delegates.
- 2.00 p.m. Report of the Striking Committee.
Receiving of Resolutions.
The speakers at the afternoon session will be:
Mrs. L. C. McKimber, Charlsholm, "Education," Provincial President of the W.C.T.U.
Mr. Geo. R. Jackson, "Alcohol and Athletics," General Secretary of the Y.M.C.A.
Address: Liquor Commissioner E. J. Dinning, "The Present Liquor Act and the Citizens' Responsibility to Law Enforcement."
Rev. M. L. Gregg, "The Fight in Ontario," Pastor of Strathecona Baptist Church.
- 6.00 p.m. Supper will be served in basement of the Church by W.C.T.U.
- 7.45 p.m. Song Service. In charge of Rev. R. Clegg, Railway Centre, who will have charge of all convention singing.

- 8.00 p.m. Citizens' Rally Meeting.
Rev. Dr. McQueen chairman.
Chairman's Address.
Speakers will be the Rev. T. Albert Moore and Rev. Dan McLachlan, Secretaries of the Department of Social Service and Evangelism of the United Church of Canada.

THURSDAY, FEB. 18th

- 9.30 a.m. Reading Minutes.
Report of Nominating Committee.
Election of the 1926 Officers and Executive.
Report of the Educational and Publicity Committee.
- 11.00 a.m. Address: Dr. Jessie ANyn, Medical Missionary of Pithapuram, India, "Prohibition and Missions in India."
Mrs. A. D. Miller, "Alcohol a Narcotic."
- 2.00 p.m. Unfinished business to this hour.
- 2.30 p.m. Address: Rev. A. W. Coons, Pastor of the United Church, Nanaimo, and former General Secretary of the Social Service League of this Province.
- 3.30 p.m. Report of Policy and Resolutions Committee.
- 4.30 p.m. Adjournment and First Meeting of the 1926 Provincial Executive.
- 7.45 p.m. Young People's Rally.
Mass Singing and Music, led by Rev. R. Clegg, of Railway Centre, with Young People's Orchestra and Choir.
Rev. Dr. Lewis, Chairman.
Chairman's Address.
Address: Mrs. Nellie McClung, M.L.A.
Address: Miss McCorkindale.
Collection.
Illustrated Address: Rev. J. H. Knight, "Little Russia and Prohibition."
God Save the King.

CONVENTION SONGS

—1—

STAND UP! STAND UP FOR JESUS!

Stand up! Stand up for Jesus!
The trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict,
In this His glorious day;
Ye that are men now serve Him,
Against unnumbered foes;
Your courage rise with danger,
And strength to strength oppose.

Stand up! Stand up for Jesus!
Stand in His strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own;
Put on the Gospel armour,
Each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls or danger,
Be never wanting there!

Stand up! Stand up for Jesus!
The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle,
The next the victor's song;
To him that overcometh,
A crown of life shall be;
He with the King of Glory,
Shall reign eternally.

—2—

FORWARD, CHRISTIAN COMRADES

(Words by Rev. R. Clagg, Radway Centre.)

(Tune: Victory)

Forward, Christian comrades,
Forward through the night,
Soon we'll see the dawning,
Forward into light.
Fear ye not nor falter,
Heed the Master's call,
Forward into service,
Forward, one and all.

Chorus:

Forward, Christian comrades,
Forward through the night,
Soon we'll see the dawning,
Forward into light.

Fierce may be the conflict,
Keen will be the fight,
Forces still advancing,
Dare to do the right.
What though foes assail us,
What though doubts prevail?
Christ our King is leading,
And we must not fail.

Forward, then, ye comrades,
Raise your banner high,
Shout the song of triumph,
Victory is nigh.
Nations, thrones, dominions,
Races, creeds, and tongues,
All must be united,
Each must right their wrongs.

Forward be our watchword,
Forward evermore,
Never backward glancing
Till the fight is o'er.
Then when life is ended,
And the victory's won,
We shall hear the welcome,
"Enter thou—well done."

—3—

RESCUE THE PERISHING

Rescue the perishing, care for the dying;
Snatch them in pity from sin and the grave;
Weep o'er the erring one, lift up the fallen,
Tell them of Jesus the Mighty to save.

Chorus:

Rescue the perishing, care for the dying;
Jesus is merciful, Jesus will save.

Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter,
Feelings lie buried that grace can restore;
Touched by a loving hand, awakened by kindness,
Chords that were broken will vibrate once more.

Rescue the perishing, duty demands it;
Strength for thy labor the Lord will provide;

Back to the narrow way patiently win them;
Till the poor wanderer a Saviour has died.

—4—

HOLD THE FORT FOR PROHIBITION

(Words by Rev. R. Clagg, Radway Centre.)

Ho, my comrades, hear the message,
Ringing thro' the land;
Reinforcements now are needed,
for the Temperance band.

Refrain:

"Hold the fort for Prohibition,"
Jesus signals still;
Wave the answer back to heaven,
"By Thy grace we will."

Moderation's legislation,
"Government control;"
Our ambition, Prohibition,
"Down with alcohol."

See the host of "wets" advancing,
Brewers leading on;
Youths and maidens round us falling,
Courage almost gone.

Fierce and long the conflict rages,
Victory is near;

Prohibition's sure to conquer,
Cheer, my comrades, cheer.

See the Temperance banner waving,
Hear the clarion call;
In our Leader's name we'll triumph,
O'er King Alcohol.

—5—

ORGANIZE

(Words by Rev. E. Clegg, Railway Centre.)

Tune—"Beulah Land."

Ye workers in the Temperance cause,
Prepare once more to meet your foes,
We must secure better laws.
So organize, yes organize,
Oh organize, yes organize,
This purpose help to realize.
To educate and legislate,
To concentrate and demonstrate,
This dreadful curse eliminate.
Oh organize, yes organize.

Ye noble women of this land,
For Prohibition take your stand,
And in this effort lend a hand.
Oh organize, yes organize,
Oh organize, yes organize,
This purpose help to realize.
Your rights of freedom still maintain,
Throughout this vast and wide domain,
Until sobriety doth reign.
Oh organize, yes organize.

To youths and maidens comes the call,
Your names for Temperance now enrol,
Ye too can fight King Alcohol.
So organize, yes organize,
Oh organize, yes organize,
This purpose help to realize.
Enlist and join in the attack,
His forces must be driven back,
So fall in line and clear the track.
Oh organize, yes organize.

Ye children too may lend a hand,
To drive the curses from every land,
So swell the ranks of Daniel's band.
And organize, yes organize,
Oh organize, yes organize,
This purpose help to realize.
Your life and liberty hold dear,
By shunning whisky, gin and beer,
So join the ranks, bring up the rear.
Oh organize, yes organize.

—6—

THE FIGHT IS ON

The fight is on, the trumpet sound is ring-
ing out;
The cry "To arms!" is heard a-far and
near;
The Lord of hosts is marching on to victory,
The triumph of the Christ will soon ap-
pear.

Chorus:

The fight is on, O Christian soldier,
And face to face in stern array
With armour glancing and colours stream-
ing,
The right and wrong engage today!
The fight is on, but be not weary;
Be strong, and in His might hold fast;
If God be for us, His banner o'er us,
We'll sing the victor's song at last!

The fight is on—arouse, ye soldiers brave
and true!
Jehovah leads, and victory will assure;
Go, buckle on the armour God has given you,
And in His strength unto the end endure.

The Lord is leading on to certain victory;
The bow of promise spans the eastern
sky;
His glorious name in ev'ry land shall hon-
oured be;
The morn will break, the dawn of peace
is nigh.

—7—

MEMORIAL HYMN OVER THE TOP WITH JESUS

(Written by Rev. E. Clegg, in memory of
those standard bearers who have passed
to their reward.)

Over the top with Jesus,
Over the top to-day;
Follow your Great Commander
Into the grim array.
Never a thought of danger,
Never a cry of pain;
Over the top with Jesus,
Conquer again and again.

Some have their lives defended,
Some the price have paid,
And for the cause of freedom,
Sacrifice have made.
Up, then, my comrades, and over,
Over again and again,
Over the top with Jesus,
Conquering in His name.

Comrades there are who suffer,
Comrades who wait and pray;
Men who have borne the burden
And the heat of day.
Some are quietly resting,
Resting beneath the sod,
Free from the strain of conflict,
Resting at home with God.

We cannot, unless we are traitors,
Break faith with those who die,
Freedom's torch must ever,
Ever be lifted high.
Till on the plains of glory
Triumphantly we sing,
Over the top with Jesus,
Over with Christ our King.

CONSTITUTION

Of the Alberta Prohibition Association

Head Office:

714 Taylor Building, Edmonton, Alta.

Name

1. The name of the organization shall be the "Alberta Prohibition Association."

Object

2. The object of the Association is the ultimate extermination of the beverage liquor traffic by educational, legislative and administrative effort; for the accomplishment of which the assistance of all who are in harmony with this object is invited.

Membership

3. Any Local Church, Society or Association in Alberta, whose organization is in sympathy with the objects of the Association may become a unit and shall be entitled to elect two delegates to the Annual Convention, and each such unit having more than fifty members may have one additional delegate for each additional fifty members or fraction thereof. Any provincially organized body which is in sympathy with the objects of the Association shall be entitled to appoint two members to the Convention. The membership fee for each unit of over fifty shall be ten dollars, under fifty, five dollars. All individual subscribers of five dollars or over to be given delegate rights at the annual convention.

Officers

4. The officers shall be one or more Honorary Presidents; President; three Vice-Presidents; Secretary and Treasurer.

Executive

5. The Executive Committee shall be composed of the officers of the Association, the President and Secretary of each constituency organization or local branch, together with fifteen other members chosen at the annual convention.

Sub-Executive

6. To be appointed by the Executive, to be composed of the President, and ten other members of the Executive Committee, five of whom shall constitute a quorum, and half of this Sub-Executive should hold office for two years; this Sub-Executive to be the committee in charge of the detail work of the Association.

Finance

7. The Finance Committee shall consist of five members, three of whom shall constitute a quorum. The funds of the Association shall consist of memberships and contributions.

Convention Expenses

8. Delegate's expenses to Convention to be paid by their local organization.

INFORMATION

33% Of All Commitments to Alberta Jails Due to Liquor—The total commitments to the Fort Saskatchewan Jail for 1925 numbered 343; of this number 223 were sent there for infractions of the present Government Control Bill, and 20 for infractions of the Inland Revenue Act. This total of 243 is a little over 42% of the total commitments. The remaining 825 were committed to jail for offences under the Criminal Code of Canada and other statutes of Alberta, which include: drunk and disorderly, drunk in charge of auto, vagrancy, and all other offences.

The total commitments to the Lethbridge Jail for 1925 numbered 764; of this number 187 were sent there for infractions of the present Government Control Bill, and 5 for infractions of the Inland Revenue Act. You will see that this total of 192 is a little over 25% of the total commitments. The remaining 592 were committed to jail for offences under the Criminal Code of Canada and other Statutes of Alberta.

Combining the records of the two jails 33% of all commitments is due directly to infractions of the Present Government Control Act and the Inland Revenue Law. We think that this fact alone is sufficient to prove that the privilege of serving beer by the glass will never solve the problems we have to deal with as the result of intoxicating liquors. Therefore, we should not hesitate at the coming Convention to take the necessary action and approach the present Government with the request that at the coming Session they amend the Liquor Act to confine the sale of all liquors to Vendor Stores, or to even go further, in the judgment of the Convention.

89 Women in the Beer Halls—A special investigation of the Edmonton saloons carried out by responsible citizens who visited the nineteen licensed beer parlors in the City three nights during the second last week in January, found the average number present in the beer halls was 723 men and 89 women. The report stated that practically 100% of the women showed signs of intoxication.

1512 Convictions For Being Drunk—The Alberta Liquor Control Board reports 1512 convictions for drunkenness under the Alberta Liquor Control Act alone for the year ending December 31st, 1925. These figures do not include convictions for drunk and disorderly or drunk in charge of auto, etc., which come under the Criminal Code.